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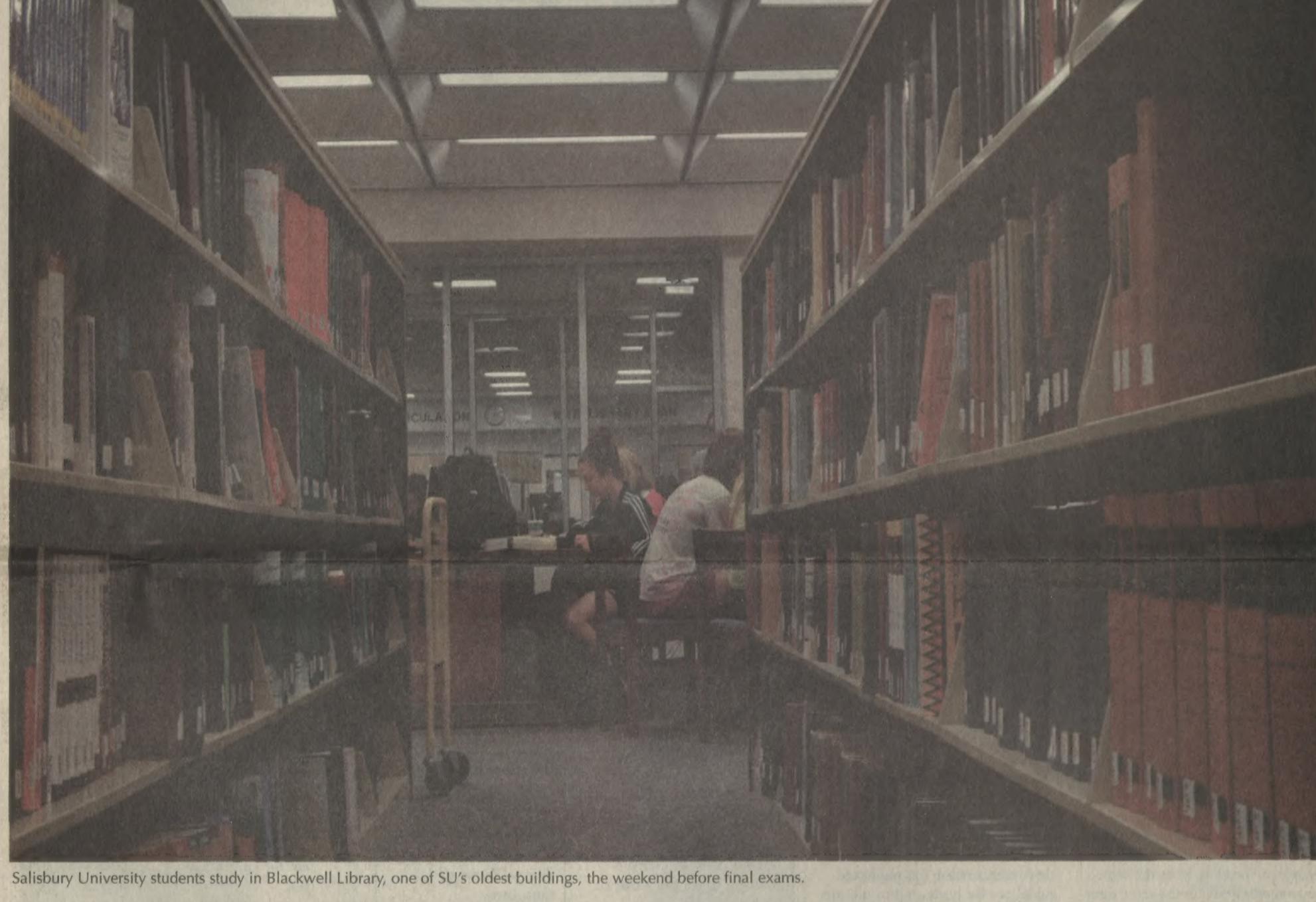


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SU buildings get second chance



Salisbury University students study in Blackwell Library, one of SU's oldest buildings, the weekend before final exams.

STORY AND PHOTOS BY AMANDA LIBBY

Construction fences erected around SU dorms signify the beginning of the end for the university's multi-year Comprehensive Housing Renovation Plan.

"We're moving in all the right directions," said Dave Gutowski, Director of Housing and Residence Life at Salisbury University. "I think the quality of living for our students is top notch."

Renovation on Choptank, one of SU's three high-rise student residences, will begin this summer in the last stage of the plan and will eliminate bedrooms on the first floor to make room for classrooms and an expanded common area. The 250-bed, six-story building will not only see new flooring and a fresh coat of paint; the entire first floor will be gutted giving way to a new classroom, laundry room, lounge area, and entrance.

"We need to address mechanical building needs and, at the same time, spruce things up so people go, 'Wow!'"

Builders are trying to bring Choptank up to the same pristine standard set by the four recently-renovated traditional dorms in the quad, all of which were badly in need of repair.

"We've got some older buildings that need a little bit of love, so to speak, and that's what we're doing throughout the renovation process," said Roger Becks, Associate Director of Housing and Residence Life at Salisbury University.

Many campus buildings are involved in the Comprehensive housing renovation project, including the following dormitories: St. Martin Hall, Pocomoke Hall, Manokin Hall, Wicomico Hall, Nanticoke Hall, Choptank Hall, Chester Hall, and Severn Hall. Most were in need of repair and some, including Pocomoke, required complete gutting.

"Our buildings need it but it also provides a better living environment and enriching experience for our students," Becks said.

In addition to basic repairs like new plumbing and more windows, Choptank will be more environmentally friendly. Maryland's basic sustainability laws require bronze certification from the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design designated by the U.S. Green Building Council, but by the end of the housing project all dormitories at SU will have silver certification.

"For us, it's got even the Chancellor turning and going 'look what SU is doing,'" Gutowski said.

The certification, according to the U.S. Green Building Council, is earned by being built "with consideration given to energy savings, water efficiency, greenhouse gas emissions reduction, stewardship of resources and improved indoor environmental quality." A rain garden with a water filtration system will replace the planters on the side of the building to deal with runoff and reduce toxins going back into the environment.

"The rain garden fits our goal of good, responsible design," SU architect John Aikman.

Choptank's purposeful landscaping adds to other environmentally-friendly measures already in place. Between the 160 underground geothermal wells below the quad and the Blackwell parking lot and the solar panels on St. Martin Hall's roof, domestic hot water for the nearby dorms is entirely self-sustainable.

Not only will Choptank be more friendly to the environment, it will improve the quality of living for its residents due to enhanced ventilation. State-of-the-art dehumidifiers that constantly circulate the air to eliminate extra moisture will replace stand-alone dehumidifiers

in all the rooms, the same systems that were installed during renovation of the traditional dorms. New fire safety precautions will also be included, with new dorm-wide sprinkler systems installed.

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"When the contractors were bidding Wicomico we went into Pocomoke, which had already been renovated, there was a noticeable difference in humidity,"

said SU architect John Aikman. "You could sense a difference; the air was much nicer."

The high rises are currently the least desirable buildings to live in, according to Becks, but after the refurbishment they will be comparable to the other residential buildings on campus. The first floor entrance will be completely gutted and remodeled, with higher ceilings and sophisticated furniture working to create a more modern atmosphere (see photo).

"The common area will be flooded with

light," Aikman said. "Whether you are waiting for someone, using your laptop, or just taking a break from your room, it's nice to have a bright, pleasant workspace."

Choptank is changing inside and out. The two side entrances will give way to one central front entrance, with the other two used as fire exits.

A new wheelchair ramp will be installed flush with the building creating better accessibility and a more aesthetic appearance. In the interest of Salisbury students with physical disabilities living in the dorms, the Choptank building will comply with the new Maryland Accessibility Code which requires compliance with 2010 Standards for Accessible Design as stated by the Americans with Disabilities Act.

The building will lose a few rooms on the first floor, slightly lowering the capacity for the number of students it can house due to the remodeling of the ground floor, but the Office of Housing and Residence Life believes that the benefits reaped by the renovation will outweigh the costs. Possibly the biggest improvement will be the addition of "Living Learning" communities where students have an opportunity to live in the same building and share one or more classes.

"There is a lot of national research that discusses the benefits of Living Learning communities," Gutowski said. "It helps the transition of a first-year student into college life."

The Living Learning community will feature a new classroom on the first floor in addition to an apartment for a faculty member advisor. Hundreds of schools nationwide including the University of Maryland have had success with

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Living

Learning communities.

The renovation will also add new security measures including new surveillance cameras similar to those that have been installed in the other residence halls. Cameras will survey all public entrances, stairwells, and elevator landings to help security officers keep track of people who do not belong in the building.

"We try to balance the expectation of privacy of residents with safety and security goals," said Lieutenant Brian Waller, Operations Commander for Salisbury University Police, who has been reviewing every campus police report at SU since May 1999. Waller says that, although the proper measures are in place, he cannot recall a time when someone from outside the campus community entered the building.

"It boils down to individuals living in the building doing their part to make the building safe and being cautious about the friends they invite over," Waller said. "The building is safe as the weakest link of the residents."

Although Choptank is not being completely gutted like Pocomoke was last year, it will still undergo a large-scale renovation.

"It is very expensive construction-wise and there is a lot of risk that it might not be finished," Aikman said. "The last thing we want to do is be housing kids off campus when they expect to be on campus."

Despite inherent risk, the end is in sight for a housing project that was bigger than fixing leaky pipes and laying new carpet; thanks to attentive administration, careful research, and generous endowments, the quality of residence life at SU is most likely changing for the better.

"There is no doubt that the housing renovations have had a positive effect on the recruiting process for students to come to school here," Gutowski said. "These past couple years during open houses while families were walking through saying, 'Wow, this is incredible! These would be great living conditions!'"

Although the housing project is drawing to a close, future construction plans loom on the horizon, particularly Dogwood Village. The structures were intended to be temporary housing but have stood on SU property for the past thirty years. Gutowski hopes those buildings will be gone in three to four years to make room for either more parking or more housing.



Whiting Turner Contracting company prepares for the assault on Choptank Hall.



Photo Submitted by SU

Artist rendering of what Choptank Hall's completed entrance way will look like.

Cyclists press for bike lanes

BY AMANDA BIEDERMAN
Gull Life Editor

City government officials, local organizations and concerned citizens met at Salisbury University on June 6 to address the need to make Salisbury a Bicycle Friendly Community, discussing bike accommodations as well as safety issues.

Bike-SBY founder Matthew Drew shared his study on potential bicycle commuters, which he performed as part of a continuing education course at SU.

Drew examined major businesses in the area and recorded how many people lived within two miles of their school or workplace, finding that nearly 3800 people could potentially bike to school or work. Of those potential cyclists, 1260 were off-campus SU students.

"This is a critical issue," Drew said, noting that many SU commuters face congestion when traveling to school because so many people are heading from the same general area going in the same direction.

Currently, the city is planning to create a bike lane across Camden

Traffic Laws for Motorists:

- The driver of a vehicle must not pass any closer than three feet to a bicycle if the bicycle is operated in a lawful manner.
- Where there is a bike lane, a person must use those and not ride a bicycle in the roadway unless necessary.
- The bicycle has the right of way when the motor vehicle is making a turn.
- A person cannot carry anything that prevents them from keeping both hands on the handlebars or that interferes with the view or balance of their bicycle.
- When riding on a sidewalk or a bike path a bicyclist may ride in a crosswalk to continue on their route.

Traffic Laws for Bicyclists:

- Maryland's traffic laws apply to bicycles.
- Bicycles are not permitted on any roads where the speed limit is more than 50 miles per hour or higher.
- A person riding a bicycle

For more information on bicycle traffic safety, go to <http://www.mva.maryland.gov/Driver-Safety/Bicycle/default.htm>.

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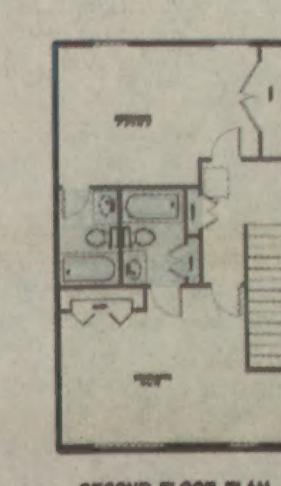


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Overheard: What are you planning to do this summer?

Photos by Amanda Libby



"Working at the news station PAC14 in Salisbury."
- Samuel Province, senior



"Get a job and start living my life because I graduate in two weeks."
- Shaynon Thompson, senior



"My dad is taking me to France and Italy."
- Aimee Dixon, freshman



"I will be working as an Infirmary EMT in Montgomery County."
- Laura Schuyler, sophomore



"I got fired from Ocean City last summer so I'm going back home to work."
- Andrew Schlegel, junior

Subculture forms among smokers



BY JAMES TOWNSEND

Chairs? No. A bench? A table? Outdoor heaters? What about a vending machine? They laugh heartily. "Seriously. We'd use it," Cochran said. Since SU's campus wide cigarette ban, smokers have retreated to a sidewalk junction on Camden Avenue next to lines of speeding cars, affectionately named "The Spot." It's not all bad though, without the ban, the smokers admit they would have probably never met each other. "I've definitely met most of my friends out here," said Roslyn Moynihan, a SU freshman. "Now they're some of my best friends." It is nearly impossible to drive down Camden Avenue any night of the week and not see students from all backgrounds, gathered together on the sidewalk to smoke.

"People are out here all hours of the night. Sometimes as late as 2 a.m.," said freshman Connor Sharples, as he broke out his signature lawn chair. "I've seen over 20 people out here, most of which didn't even know each other. It's not even about smoking."

Noel Barnwell, a non-smoking student, and the requests start pouring out.

Barnwell says that instead of the road.

campus, her and her friends are now subject to the whims of Camden Avenue.

"It kind of sucks being out here," she said. "People yell at us, they throw shit. Someone once threw a full trash can at us."

They claim Campus Police are no help either, only stopping to remind them to keep off campus property, thus in forcing them closer to the road.

"There's no room out here for all of us," says Cochran. "If we sit in the grass, the police say we're on campus property. If we sit on the curb they say we're in the street."

Has an originally well-intentioned policy turned into backhanded discrimination against a campus subculture? And how long will the university ignore the blatant safety issues behind exiling student smokers to the street?

There's only one thing Cochran knows the university has given them.

"This is it. This is all we've got." Cochran illustrates a two and a half foot line in the sidewalk, from grass to street. "This is our Spot."

Study shows divided government leads to poorer America

BY STEVEN CENNAME
Staff Writer

Republican Party has sprinted to the right end of the political spectrum over the last decade. The Democratic Party, however, has stayed relatively the same, if not moved closer to the center.

The sprint to the right accelerated under the administration of George W. Bush because his policies purged the American middle class. With massive tax breaks for the wealthy that started the economic depression, income inequality in America soared.

With the rich getting richer, the Republican Party shifted way to the right in order to satisfy the interests of the wealthy people who contributed to the campaigns of the elected officials in the Republican Party.

A high-income inequality level is measured by the size of the American middle class, which is getting smaller every year. The smaller the middle class gets, the more you have a few people at the very top of the income bracket and many people at the bottom of the income bracket.

In a study, Krugman discovered that income inequality in America may be traced to the level of Congressional division. This means the more divided and partisan Congress is over economic and social issues, the less it helps the American people and their ability to pursue the American Dream.

Both income inequality and Congressional division are at all-time high levels. The levels started to rise at the same time, showing that as polarization in Congress increases, income inequality gets worse.

Krugman says that when more and more money is put into politics, political compromise is almost impossible. With compromise impossible, nothing can get done in Congress to save the economy. He suggests that the reason Congress is unable to fix the economy is because the Republicans in Congress are scared that fixing the economy may not help the elite in America, therefore going against the interests of the American people.

The same study also shows why the polarization in Congress has gotten so bad. A study by American University indicates that they are paid to serve.

Focus-enhancing drugs abused as academic steroids

BY PETE HICKS
Editorial Editor

The negative side effects of Adderall include loss of appetite, insomnia, headaches, muscle tension, irritability and anxiety. Despite these consequences, students continue to abuse the focusing abilities of prescription drugs.

Some students believe they have just as much of a right to abuse Adderall as the people who are prescribed it.

"I think that ADD is just an excuse to medicate children who don't behave," said an anonymous non-prescribed Adderall user. "We should all be allowed to use these drugs to do better in school; it isn't fair that they are only available to students who act out as kids."

The students who are prescribed Adderall have a definite advantage over other students, both because they abuse the drugs and because they sell them.

One anonymous student with an Adderall prescription claimed to have sold the pills in amounts as high as 20 to 30 at a time. The focus-enhancing drug business is lucrative at academic institutions.

Drugs like Adderall and Vyvanse are used to treat mental disorders such as Attention Deficit Disorder and Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder. While ADD and ADHD are valid medical issues, many see the medicine used to treat these disorders as a kind of academic steroid.

Though this can be said of any drug that treats a mental disorder, focusing drugs are the only ones that offer a legitimate advantage in school to students. Cheating the system to get drugs that treat depression doesn't seem logical or helpful in any way.

Focus enhancing drugs should be available to all students who would then use them to complete assignments and maintain focus throughout the class and to save themselves from procrastination. If such a policy is enacted, the academic playing field at SU would be leveled for all who attend this institution, and students would no longer be able to extort money from classmates who are trying to compete for the best grade.

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Partying professional: How going out can lead to more than just fun



BY ABIGAIL COLBY
Party Girl Problems Columnist

As the semester winds down and our seniors leave Salisbury to navigate the "real" world (more or less), it's probably a good idea for all of us to start thinking about our career goals and how we plan to achieve them.

Some of the world's most successful business people got their foot through the door with social networking. As in the actual in-person social networking, not tweeting about their bad mood or requesting their future bosses on Facebook.

And while in this age predominantly impersonal electronic communication is considered normal privately and professionally, a one-on-one conversation and handshake will still get you further than any nicely worded email or talking to someone's secretary.

Actively seeking professionals outside the office might be just what you need to snag a job at your dream firm or with one of your role models, but it remains an acquired skill. Have no fear, this helpful how-to-guide will help you go from unemployed to professionally irresistible.

While a job interview usually consists of questions strictly related to tasks and job performance, these types of interactions come with the freedom to really get to know higher ups without them acting as

Step One: Find them.

Remember, birds of a feather flock together. It's not that \$2 barrels or \$5 margarita pitchers are a bad thing (although they do have a tendency to spur bad decisions), but you're simply not going to run into many CEOs chugging brews at bars offering these types of deals.

What you are likely to find is college students drinking off the harsh reality of the corporate world that inevitably awaits them.

And while a good drunk cry over fears of the future at a college bar might be good for your emotional health, you have to look outside this scene in order to meet some movers and shakers. These people work hard and like to let loose too, just probably not around twenty-somethings screaming profanities and falling off bar stools.

Try smaller, more sophisticated bars where you can strike up a real conversation with a professional.

Step Two: Relate to them.

As fun as it is for them to answer the same five questions over and over while they're on the clock, odds are they might want to steer away from stiff conversation while they're out.

This is where you can use the social factor to your advantage. Regardless of the venue, as long as it's not the office, talk about whatever you want! Maybe their son or daughter played the same sport you did or they are alumnus of the same university.

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higher ups.

Step Three: Seal the deal.

Slow and steady wins the race. If you come up to a potential networking contact and strike up a genuine conversation only to immediately change the subject to showing your credentials, email and references down their throat, they're going to feel cheated and turned off.

Don't stress so much about mentioning that you would be interested in their company or working for someone they know. Focus on talking about things that will help them connect to you as a person, as people are much more likely to remember a great conversation about golf than a dull one about work experience.

Step Four: Move out.

Ironically, this is the most important part of the networking conversation. While it may be tempting (especially if there are drinks involved) to try to keep them for hours, establish the connection and then leave them to enjoy their night.

If you've been drinking and are continuing to drink while talking, the situation holds a significant risk of getting weird quickly. Keep in mind that you want to be remembered for your charm and interests, not as the girl who cried on their shoulder about her ex boyfriend or the guy who tried to make out with them.

The movie rating, which is PG-13, seems to be completely ignored by the parents. The last time I checked, PG-13 meant that anyone under 13 shouldn't watch it because of violence, sexual content or inappropriate language.

Texting can cost money and lives



BY RUSSELL GERTSCH
Staff Writer

For the past few weeks, "The Hunger Games" has been out in movie theaters across the world.

It has topped the charts for the past few weeks and when I went to see it, I was a little surprised when a dozen 10-year-olds in the movie theater.

The author of "The Hunger

Games," Suzanne Collins, said in an interview with scholastic publishing that she wrote the trilogy to be dark because children are desensitized to violence as information is so easily available to them. Parents are not doing anything to stop their exposure but instead blame the creators of such content.

If you have ever read the trilogy, you would know that these books are intended for adults and young adults. It is in no way geared toward 10-year-olds. This is not another "Harry Potter" or "Twilight."

These books are filled with constant violence and some pretty

bloody and terrifying situations. No 10-year-old should be reading that.

So this makes me ask, why are there 10-year-olds seeing this movie?

Well most of the kids were brought there by their parents, who have no idea what the movie is about. They have never read the books or even researched what would be in this movie.

If you have a younger sibling or a child, and they are talking about going to see a movie, take some time and seriously consider doing some research and then think about actually telling them no. Maybe you don't want to seem like the bad guy, but sometimes you need to be.

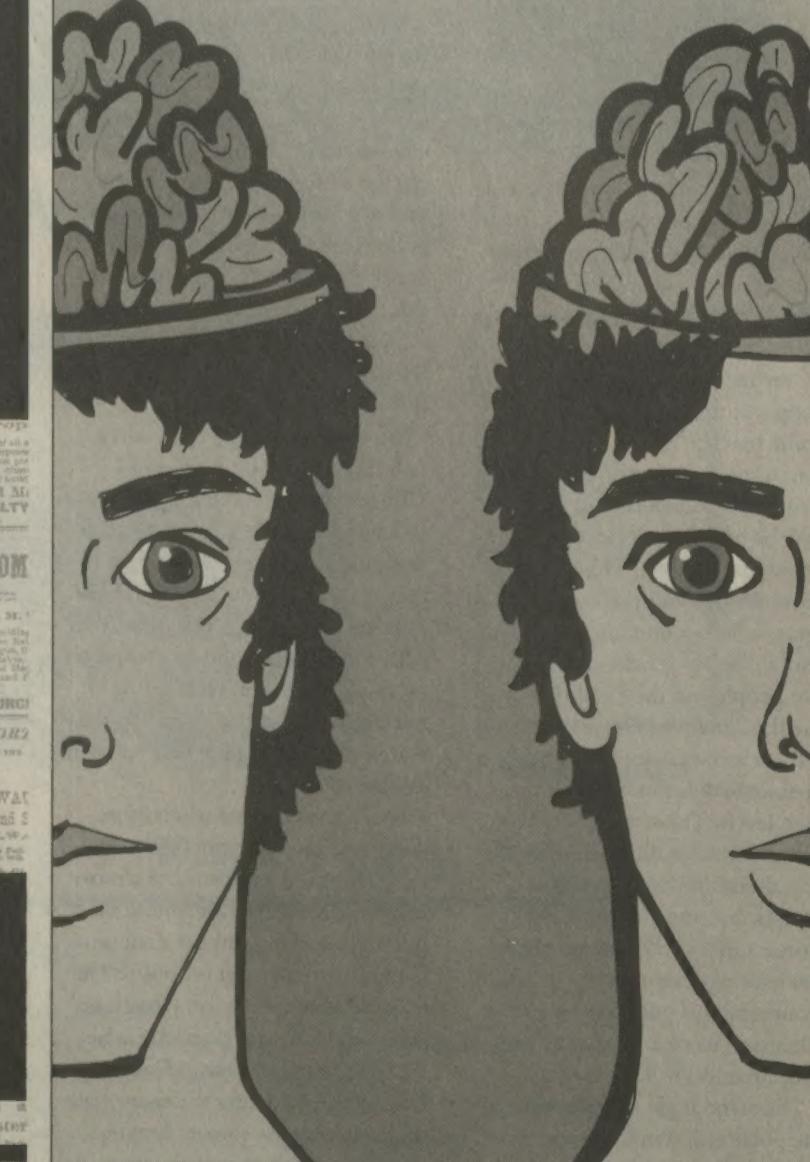
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Yet, the 10-year-olds didn't seem to care about the rating either. They think they are mature enough to handle the content, but they clearly aren't.

During this film, I could overhear the kids sitting behind me commenting on how they had no clue what this movie was about, how they thought it was "gross" when the two main characters kissed and how they thought there was a lot blood.

I am sorry, but when you are still talking about kissing being gross, you are not mature enough to be watching gory battle scenes either.

The movie has this one particular bloody and gory scene, which even made me go "wow," which made me second guess the rating it was given.

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GULL LIFE

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Village of Hope helps women rebuild families and lives

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These women have come so far, and I'm honored that I get to help them."

Seltzer is one of the many women at the Village who is struggling to make her life better

curfew either, but appreciates what the Village has done for her and her two boys.

"I don't enjoy having to come home at 11 on weekends and 10 on weekdays," Furr said.

Since I've been clean, I have been sharing my story with others at churches and youth centers in Delmar, Ocean City, and Cambridge," Seltzer said.

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Roommate wars and how to win them



BY LAUREN ANDERSON

It's the first day of college and aside from being nervous about leaving home, starting classes, and finding new friends, students face another issue: the roommate. Here are some tips on how to avoid trouble!

- Keep an open mind. Realize that you and your roommate are different people with different ways of doing things. Setting too many expectations before you even meet your roommate can lead to disappointments.

Gwendolyn Owen, the Assistant Director of Housing and Residence Life, said the biggest roommate problem stems from having different schedules. To avoid problems, she recommends being reasonable when making expectations.

Freshman Jessica Fornieri explained that she and her roommate "were both open and relaxed and worked everything in our room out. We were also very outgoing to meet each other's friends and now we all hang out."

• Deal with problems as they arise instead of letting them fester.

"Talk about the little stuff as it bothers you," Owen advised. "People do things they don't know they're doing and you can't stop being annoying if you don't know that you're being annoying in the first place."

Owen recalled two roommates who did not follow this advise. In fact, they let an argument heighten until they refused to speak to each other. Instead of talking, they had

a vicious fight via text messaging.

St. Martin Hall RA, Shanita Williams also suggests talking to the actual person you have an issue with. Talking about them to other people only spurs unnecessary dilemmas.

- Realize that you're both in the same boat. You're both new to everything and probably nervous and excited over some of the same things. Try doing things together to get to know one another, like grocery shopping, sofa hunting and going to parties.

Freshman Matt James spoke of his roommate, saying "On the first day, we went around and introduced ourselves to everyone on our floor." This helps you both get familiar with everybody.

- Remember that first impressions can be wrong.

Freshman Karen Suckling explained, "At first I thought (my roommate) was really shy and quiet, but as we began talking the first few nights, we became really close."

She also suggested seeing things from the other person's perspective when doing things like getting ready, having other people in the room, and making a lot of noise.

Your roommate can be the reason you dread going to your dorm or they can be a good friend. It's up to you to decide!

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slow and the screen is much smaller.

SU Chief Information Officer Jerry Waldron said technology is changing the way people view education.

"Connectivity and content will drive our growth for some time," Waldron said in an online press release. "We are excited to push toward new levels of technology innovation. This is what education is all about."

However, despite the flow of new technology, many still prefer the simplicity of pencils and paper. St. Regis said that using a Kindle can be "annoying" at times, noting problems such as battery life, slowness and the inability to take notes

or highlight parts of the text. She noted that she generally reads actual physical books outside of class.

Abelman said that technology has its advantages in convenience, but that it cannot replace the feel of an actual book.

"There's something about having a real book where you can turn the pages and be able to write in," she said. "As amazing as tablets are, it's not quite the same on a screen."

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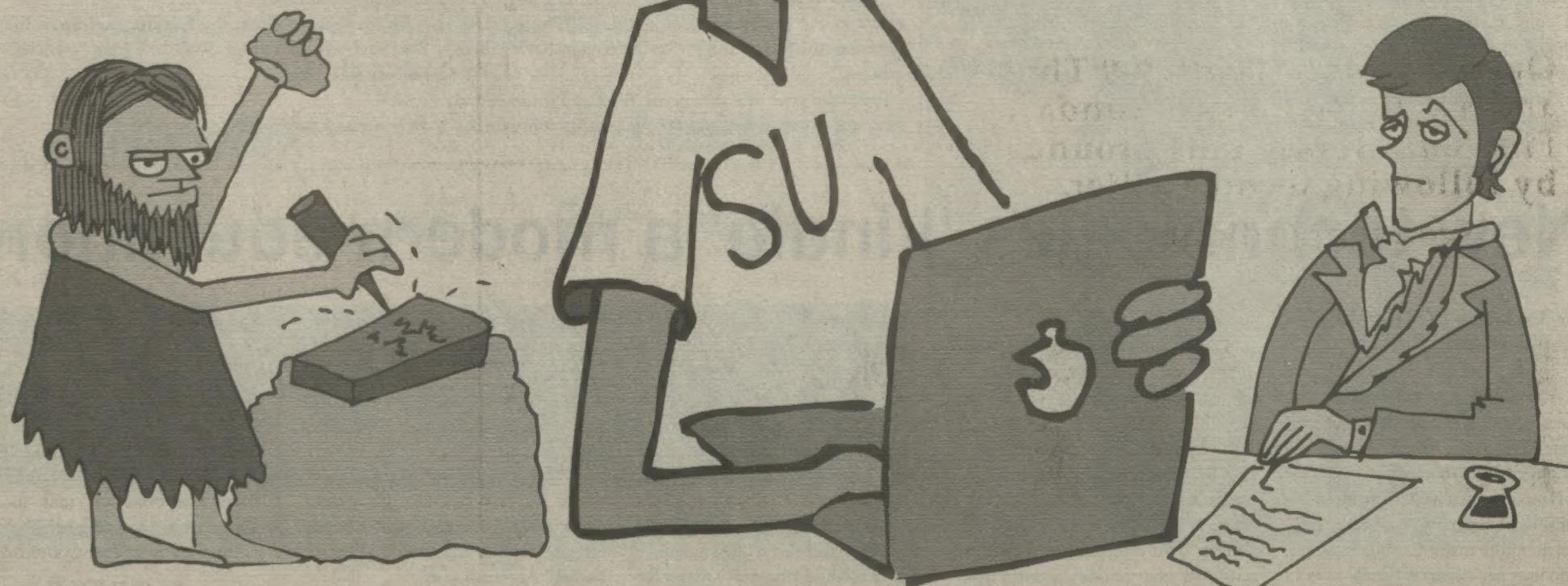
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Football takes no rest in off season

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To some, football may just be another fall sport. But to the Salisbury University Football team, it is a year-round commitment—a way of life.

Last season, the Sea Gulls went 9-1 in the regular season and 11-2 overall, with their only loss handed to them by long-time rival Wesley College. The team won the Empire 8 conference their first season in it. They made it all the way to the NCAA Division III Quarter Finals and lost to Wisconsin-Whitewater who went on to be the Division III Champions.

"I'm so excited for this season, but at the same time it's bittersweet," said future senior slotback Nick Alois. "Every day [your last season] is the only thing on your mind."

SU has their sights set on this upcoming season and have been working hard to increase their skills and discipline. Between lifting, practices and meetings, the players are doing all they can to physically and mentally prepare themselves for the 2012 season.

Only a week after the last season ended, the team was in the weight room through winter and into spring. In addition to lifting, they worked on football-specific speed, agility and quickness training (SAQs). For the whole month of April, the team had mandatory 6 a.m. spring practices to get ahead of the game.

Four days a week consisted of full football practices and the other three days were spent lifting and running with strength and conditioning coaches. On Aug. 12, the team will begin their two-week long camp. The amount of lifting, running and practicing is a grueling test of their commitment to the team.

The first week, all of the players must remain on campus to "build team comradery and organization" according to rising Senior Kevin Costello. Rockies are paired with veterans to help the freshmen go through the growing pains of camp. Together, they are one unit working towards a common goal: to be the best they can be. If one person slips up, they all pay.

When asked what they would say to their younger teammates, both Costello and Alois agreed, "Don't take anything for granted; time flies."

Football isn't the only thing the athletes are committed to. Littie is said about their community service in the Salisbury area. The team is recognized on a national level for their community



Justin Odendhal photo

Alex Smith (78) and Tyler Cury (21) celebrate after a touchdown run. Playing football. You don't want to take anything for granted. There's a lot more responsibility as a senior. My goal is to win a championship during my football career."

So mark your calendars for the Sea Gulls' first home game on Sept. 8 when the Seagulls take on rival Wesley College under the lights at 6 p.m.

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